

PROPER OF TIME



**ADVENT**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let not my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Ps 84:13

The LORD will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated, profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## Monday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31:10; Is 35:4

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations;  
declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Savior will come; and you no longer need to fear.

### Collect

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,  
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,  
so that when he comes and knocks  
he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 105:4-5; Is 38:3

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace,  
that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

### Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Zec 14:5, 7

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him;  
and on that day there will be a great light.

### Collect

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions,  
and in our trials grant us your compassionate help,  
that, consoled by the presence of your Son, whose coming we now await,  
we may be tainted no longer by the corruption of former ways.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tm 4:8

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness  
on those who eagerly await his coming.

### Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hb 2:3; 1 Cor 4:5

The Lord will come and he will not delay.  
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness,  
and reveal himself to all the nations.

### Collect

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,  
by your divine power,  
so that at the coming of Christ your Son  
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life  
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40:10; 35:5

Behold our Lord will come with power,  
and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

### Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:151-152

You, O LORD, are close, and all your ways are truth.  
From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

### Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord,  
and come to our help with mighty strength,  
that what our sins impede  
the grace of your mercy may hasten.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Ti 2:12-13

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our great God.

### Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries in which we have participated  
profit us, we pray, O Lord,  
for even now, as we journey through this passing world,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what will endure.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord will come  
descending with splendor to visit his people with peace,  
and he will bestow on them eternal life.

### Collect

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come,  
that with you to protect us  
we may find rescue  
from the pressing dangers of our sins,  
and with you to set us free,  
we may be found worthy of salvation.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3:20-21

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will change our mortal bodies,  
to conform with his glorified body.

### Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 79:4, 2

Come and show us your face, O Lord,  
who are seated upon the cherubim, and we will be saved.

Collect

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world  
to free the human race from its ancient bondage,  
bestow on those who devoutly await him  
the grace of your compassion from on high,  
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rv 22:12

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord,  
to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 30:19, 30

O people of Sion,  
behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice  
heard in the joy of your heart.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## Monday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31:10; Is 35:4

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations;  
declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.

### Collect

May our prayer of petition  
rise before you, we pray, O Lord,  
that, with purity unblemished,  
your servants may come, as they desire,  
to celebrate the great mystery  
of the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 105:4-5; Is 38:3

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace,  
that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

### Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Zec 14:5, 7

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him;  
and on that day there will be a great light.

Collect

O God, who have shown forth your salvation  
to all the ends of the earth,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may look forward in joy  
to the glorious Nativity of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tm 4:8

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness  
on those who eagerly await his coming.

Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hb 2:3; 1 Cor 4:5

The Lord will come and he will not delay.  
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness,  
and reveal himself to all the nations.

### Collect

Almighty God, who command us  
to prepare the way for Christ the Lord,  
grant in your kindness, we pray,  
that no infirmity may weary us  
as we long for the comforting presence  
of our heavenly physician.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40:10; 35:5

Behold our Lord will come with power,  
and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

### Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:151-152

You, O LORD, are close, and all your ways are truth.

From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready  
the paths of your Only Begotten Son,  
that through his coming  
we may be found worthy to serve you  
with minds made pure.

Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Ti 2:12-13

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our great God.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.

Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord will come  
descending with splendor to visit his people with peace,  
and he will bestow on them eternal life.

### Collect

Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God,  
may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten Son,  
that as the author of our salvation himself has taught us,  
we may hasten alert and with lighted lamps  
to meet him when he comes.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3:20-21

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will change our mortal bodies,  
to conform with his glorified body.

### Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 79:4, 2

Come and show us your face, O Lord,  
who are seated upon the cherubim, and we will be saved.

Collect

May the splendor of your glory dawn in our hearts,  
we pray, almighty God,  
that all shadows of the night may be scattered  
and we may be shown to be children of light  
by the advent of your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rv 22:12

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord,  
to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In this Mass the color violet or rose is used.

### Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

### Collect

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation,  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

### Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

When during the week a Mass of the weekday is to be said, the texts given below are used, unless the day is one of the Advent weekdays that occur from 17 to 24 December.

### **Monday**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jer 31:10; Is 35:4

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations;  
declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.

Collect

Incline a merciful ear to our cry,  
we pray, O Lord,  
and casting light on the darkness of our hearts,  
visit us with the grace of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 105:4-5; Is 38:3

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace,  
that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Tuesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Zec 14:5, 7

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him;  
and on that day there will be a great light.

### Collect

O God, who through your Only Begotten Son  
have made us a new creation,  
look kindly, we pray,  
on the handiwork of your mercy,  
and at your Son's coming  
cleanse us from every stain  
of the old way of life.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. 2 Tm 4:8

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of righteousness  
on those who eagerly await his coming.

### Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hb 2:3; 1 Cor 4:5

The Lord will come and he will not delay.  
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness,  
and reveal himself to all the nations.

### Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the coming solemnity of your Son  
may bestow healing upon us in this present life  
and bring us the rewards of life eternal.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40:10; 35:5

Behold our Lord will come with power,  
and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

### Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118:151-152

You, O LORD, are close, and all your ways are truth.  
From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

### Collect

Unworthy servants that we are, O Lord,  
grieved by the guilt of our deeds,  
we pray that you may gladden us  
by the saving advent of your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Ti 2:12-13

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our great God.

### Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord will come  
descending with splendor to visit his people with peace,  
and he will bestow on them eternal life.

### Collect

May your grace, almighty God,  
always go before us and follow after,  
so that we who await with heartfelt desire  
the coming of your Only Begotten Son,  
may receive your help both now and in the life to come.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings.

Be pleased with our humble prayers and offerings,  
O Lord, we pray,  
and since we have no merits to plead our cause,  
come to our rescue with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3:20-21

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will change our mortal bodies,  
to conform with his glorified body.

### Prayer after Communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon

Is 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the same Holy Spirit, O Lord,  
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar  
just as he filled with his power  
the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and shall bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,  
we pray, almighty God,  
that as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer  
so we may press forward all the more eagerly  
to the worthy celebration  
of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## THE WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT

from 17 to 24 December

The following Masses are used on the days to which they are assigned, with the exception of Sunday, which retains its own Mass.

### 17 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 49:13

Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth,  
for our LORD will come to show mercy to his poor.

Collect

O God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature,  
who willed that your Word should take flesh  
in an ever-virgin womb,  
look with favor on our prayers,  
that your Only Begotten Son,  
having taken to himself our humanity,  
may be pleased to grant us a share in his divinity.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify these gifts of your Church, O Lord,  
and grant that through these venerable mysteries  
we may be nourished with the bread of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Hg 2:8

Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come,  
and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these divine gifts, almighty God,  
we ask you to grant our desire:  
that, aflame with your Spirit,  
we may shine like bright torches  
before your Christ when he comes.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## 18 December

### Entrance Antiphon

Christ our King is coming,  
he is the Lamb foretold by John.

### Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we who are weighed down from of old  
by slavery beneath the yoke of sin  
may be set free by the newness  
of the long-awaited Nativity  
of your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice to be offered to you, O Lord,  
make us acceptable to your Name,  
that we may merit for all eternity  
to be the companions of Christ,  
by whose Death our own mortality was healed.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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### Communion Antiphon

Mt 1:23

His name will be called Emmanuel,  
which means God-with-us.

### Prayer after Communion

May we receive your mercy  
in the midst of your temple, O Lord,  
and show fitting honor  
to the coming solemnities of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 19 December

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Hb 10:37

He who is to come will come and will not delay,  
and now there will be no fear within our land,  
for he is our Savior.

### Collect

O God, who through the child-bearing of the holy Virgin  
graciously revealed the radiance of your glory to the world,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may venerate with integrity of faith  
the mystery of so wondrous an Incarnation  
and always celebrate it with due reverence.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, we pray, O Lord,  
on the offerings we lay upon your altars,  
that what we bring despite our weakness  
may be sanctified by your power.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

### Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:78-79

The Dawn from on high will visit us,  
guiding our feet in the way of peace.

### Prayer after Communion

As we give thanks, almighty God,  
for these gifts you have bestowed,  
graciously arouse in us, we pray,  
the desire for those yet to come,  
that we may welcome the Nativity of our Savior  
and honor it with minds made pure.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 20 December

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 11:1; 40:5; Lk 3:6

A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse,  
and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth,  
and all flesh will see the salvation of God.

### Collect

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word  
the immaculate Virgin received  
through the message of an Angel,  
and so became the dwelling-place of divinity,  
filled with the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant, we pray, that by her example,  
we may in humility hold fast to your will.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, we pray, upon the one sacrifice of your Son,  
that by participating in this mystery  
we may possess at last the gifts we have awaited  
and for which our faith bids us hope.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

### Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:31

The Angel said to Mary,  
Behold, you will conceive and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant divine protection, O Lord,  
to those you renew with this heavenly gift,  
that to those who delight in your mysteries,  
you may give the joy of true peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 21 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 7:14; 8:10

The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon,  
and his name will be Emmanuel, because he will be God with us.

Collect

Hear in kindness, O Lord,  
the prayers of your people,  
that those who rejoice at the coming  
of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh,  
may, when at last he comes in glory,  
gain the reward of eternal life.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,  
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered,  
and by your power you transform them  
into the mystery of our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:45

Blessed are you who have believed,  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, may participation in this divine mystery  
provide enduring protection for your people,  
so that, being subject to your glorious majesty in dedicated service,  
they may know abundant health in mind and body.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 22 December

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 23:7

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

### Collect

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death,  
willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor  
may merit his company as their Redeemer.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Trusting in your compassion, O Lord,  
we come eagerly with our offerings to your sacred altar,  
that, by the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed through the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

### Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:46, 49

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
for the Almighty has done great things for me.

### Prayer after Communion

May reception of your Sacrament strengthen us, O Lord,  
so that we may go out to meet our Savior  
with worthy deeds when he comes  
and merit the rewards of the blessed.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 23 December

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:6; Ps 71:17

A child shall be born for us, and he will be called God, the Almighty;  
every tribe of the earth shall be blest in him.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
as we see how the Nativity of your Son  
according to the flesh draws near,  
we pray that to us, your unworthy servants,  
mercy may flow from your Word,  
who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and establish among us his dwelling,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation,  
by which divine worship in its fullness  
has been inaugurated for us,  
be our perfect reconciliation with you, O Lord,  
that we may celebrate with minds made pure  
the Nativity of our Redeemer.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Rv 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock:  
If anyone hears my voice, and opens the door to me,  
I will come in to him, and dine with him, and he with me.

Prayer after Communion

Grant your peace, O Lord,  
to those you have nourished with these heavenly gifts,  
that we may be ready, with lighted lamps,  
to meet your dearly beloved Son as he comes.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## 24 December The Morning Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Gal 4:4

Behold, when the fullness of time had come,  
God sent his Son into the world.

Collect

Come quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus,  
and do not delay,  
that those who trust in your compassion  
may find solace and relief in your coming.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously make your own, O Lord,  
the offerings which we bring,  
that partaking of them we may be cleansed of our sins  
and merit to stand ready with pure hearts  
for the coming in glory of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface II of Advent, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:68

Blest be the Lord God of Israel:  
for he has visited his people and redeemed them.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to us who find new vigor, O Lord,  
in these your wondrous gifts,  
that as we prepare to celebrate in adoration  
the festivities of your Son's Nativity,  
so may we possess in gladness  
his ever-living rewards.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.





CHRISTMAS TIME

25 December

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Solemnity



## At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of 24 December, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity.

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ex 16:6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come,  
and he will save us. And in the morning you will see his glory.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

### Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year  
as we wait in hope for our redemption,  
grant that just as we joyfully welcome  
your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer  
we may also merit to look upon him confidently  
when he comes again as our Judge.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

### Prayer over the Offerings

As we look forward, O Lord,  
to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly  
for knowing that in them  
you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40: 5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, to draw new vigor  
from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,  
by whose heavenly mystery  
we receive both food and drink.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## At the Mass during the Night

On the Nativity of the Lord all Priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided the Masses are celebrated at their proper times.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 2:7

The LORD said to me, You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

Or:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
for our Savior has been born in the world.  
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendor of the true Light,  
grant, we pray,  
that we who have known the mysteries of his light on earth  
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

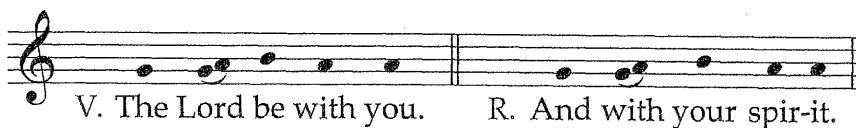
The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the oblation of this day's feast  
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,  
that through this most holy exchange  
we may be found in the likeness of Christ,  
in whom our nature is united to you.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: Christ the Light.

Solemn tone





V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-ter-nal God. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that as we recognize in him God made vis-i-ble, we may be caught up through him in love of things in - vis - i - ble. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Do-min-ions, and with all the hosts and Pow-ers of heav-en, as we sing the hymn of your glo - ry without end we ac - claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music: Preface I of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that we who are gladdened by participation  
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity  
may through an honorable way of life  
become worthy of union with him.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## At the Mass at Dawn

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:2, 6; Lk 1:33

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;  
and he will be called Wondrous God,  
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:  
his reign will be without end.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance  
of your incarnate Word,  
the light of faith which illumines our minds  
may also shine through in our deeds.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our offerings be worthy, we pray, O Lord,  
of the mysteries of the Nativity this day,  
that, just as Christ was born a man  
yet also shone forth as God,  
so may these earthly gifts  
confer on us what is divine.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Zec 9:9

Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:  
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, Lord, as we honor with joyful devotion  
the Nativity of your Son,  
that we may come to know with fullness of faith,  
the hidden depths of this mystery  
and to love them ever more and more.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## At the Mass during the Day

### Entrance Antiphon

Is 9:6

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

### Collect

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature  
and still more wonderfully restored it,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Make acceptable, O Lord, this solemn day's oblation  
by which our reconciliation has come forth,  
gaining your infinite favor,  
and inaugurating for us the fullness of divine worship.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, O merciful God,  
that just as the Savior of the world, born this day,  
is the author of divine generation for us,  
so may he be the giver even of immortality.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.



The Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord,  
or, if there is no Sunday, 30 December

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### Feast

#### Entrance Antiphon

Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary  
and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

#### Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant that we may imitate them  
in practicing the virtues of family life  
and in the bonds of charity,  
and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
Through our Lord.

When this Feast is celebrated on Sunday, the Creed is said.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  
humbly asking that,  
through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,  
you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

#### Communion Antiphon

Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth,  
and lived among us.

#### Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.

29 December

**Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Entrance Antiphon

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world  
that he gave his Only Son,  
so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty and invisible God,  
who scattered the darkness of this world  
by the coming of your light,  
look, we pray, with serene countenance upon us,  
that we may acclaim with fitting praise  
the greatness of the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord,  
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,  
that by offering what you have given  
we may merit to receive your very self.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:78

Through the heartfelt mercy of our God,  
the Dawn from on high will visit us.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, by the power of these holy mysteries,  
our life may be constantly sustained.  
Through Christ our Lord.

30 December

**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

When there is no Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is celebrated on this day (cf. pp. 000-000).

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 18:14-15

When a profound silence covered all things,  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the newness of the Nativity in the flesh  
of your Only Begotten Son  
may set us free,  
for ancient servitude holds us bound  
beneath the yoke of sin.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess with dutiful faith  
may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:16

From his fullness we have all received  
grace upon grace.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who touch us through our partaking of your Sacrament,  
work, we pray, the effects of its power in our hearts,  
that we may be made fit to receive your gift  
through this very gift itself.  
Through Christ our Lord.

31 December

**Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Entrance Antiphon

Is 9:6

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder,  
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the Nativity of your Son  
established the beginning and fulfillment of all religion,  
grant, we pray, that we may be  
numbered among those who belong to him  
in whom is the fullness of human salvation.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that through this offering  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and by partaking of the sacred mystery  
may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 4:9

God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world,  
so that we might have life through him.

Prayer after Communion

May your people, O Lord,  
whom you guide and sustain in many ways,  
experience, both now and in the future,  
the remedies which you bestow,  
that with the needed solace of things that pass away,  
they may strive with ever deepened trust for things eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

1 January  
**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Entrance Antiphon

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,  
who rules heaven and earth forever.

Or:

Cf. Is 9:2, 6; Lk 1:33

Today a light will shine upon us,  
for the Lord is born for us;  
and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace,  
Father of future ages: his reign will be without end.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary  
bestowed on the human race  
the grace of eternal salvation,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may experience the intercession  
of her, through whom we were found worthy  
to receive the author of life,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

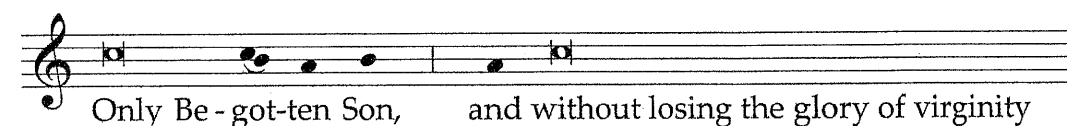
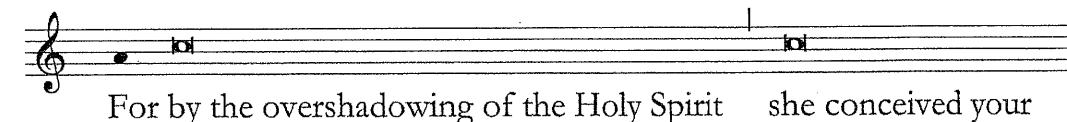
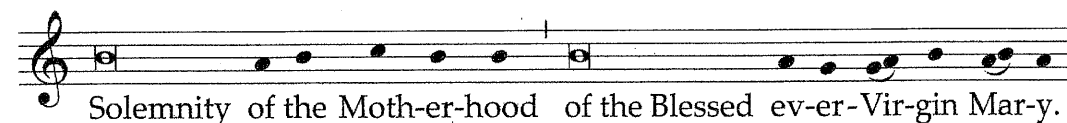
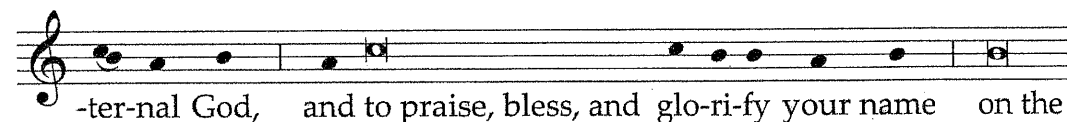
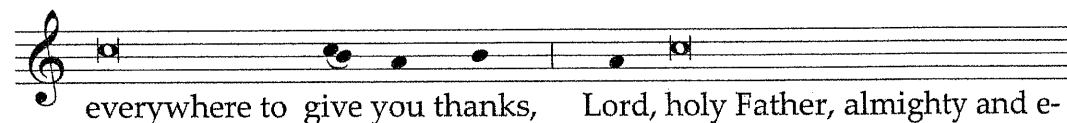
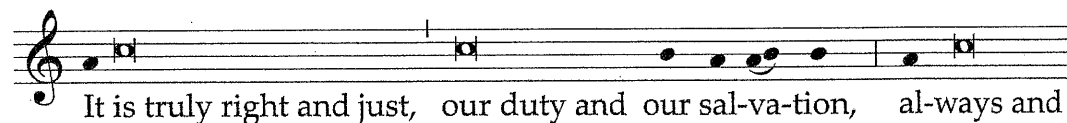
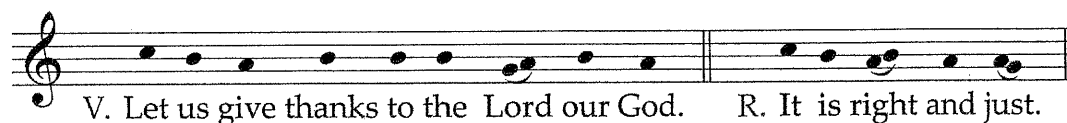
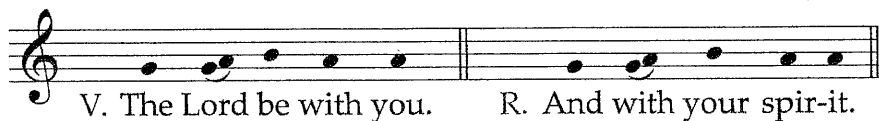
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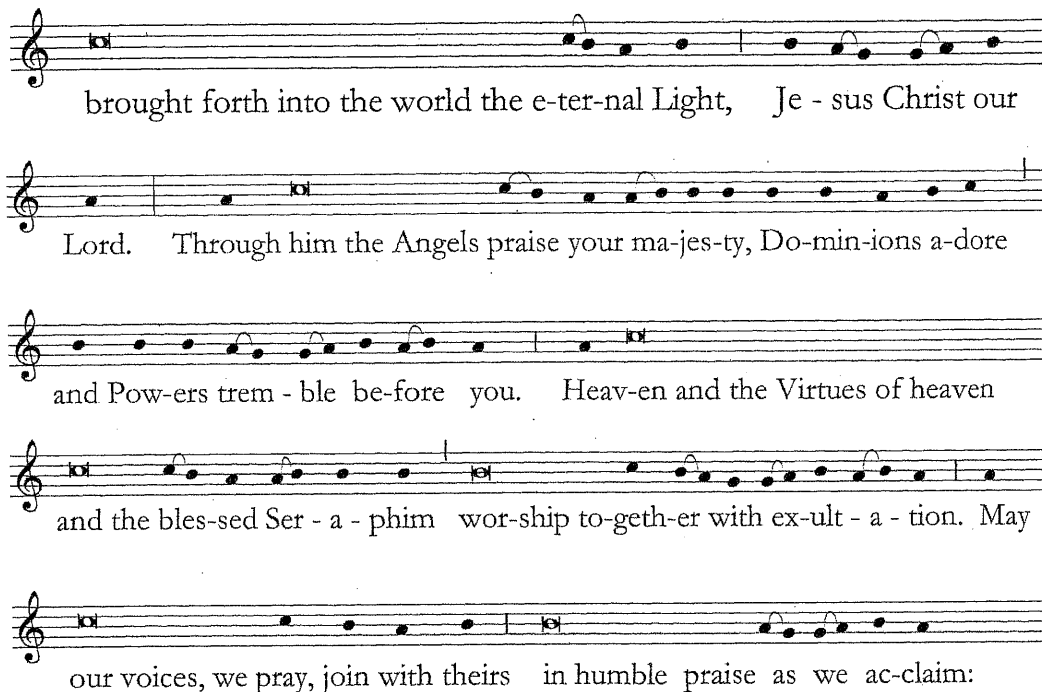
Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things  
and bring them to fulfillment,  
grant to us who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God,  
that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace,  
so one day we may rejoice in its completion.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Solemn tone





brought forth into the world the e-ter-nal Light, Je - sus Christ our

Lord. Through him the Angels praise your ma-jes-ty, Do-min-ions a-dore

and Pow-ers trem - ble be-fore you. Heav-en and the Virtues of heaven

and the bles-sed Ser - a - phim wor-ship to-geth-er with ex-ult - a - tion. May

our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise as we ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music: Preface I of the Blessed Virgin Mary (. . . on the Solemnity . . .), p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Hb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Prayer after Communion

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:  
grant, we pray,  
that it may lead us to ever-living life,  
for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary  
Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

On the days following, when the Mass of the weekday is to be said, the texts given below are used, p. 000.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 18:14-15

When a profound silence covered all things,  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
splendor of faithful souls,  
graciously be pleased  
to fill the world with your glory  
and show yourself to all peoples  
by the radiance of your light.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make  
on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son,  
for by it you show us the way of truth  
and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 1:12

To all who would accept him,  
he gave the power to become children of God.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, we humbly ask you  
that through the working of this mystery  
our offenses may be cleansed  
and our just desires fulfilled.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.



6 January  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Solemnity



Where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is not to be observed as a Holyday of Obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday occurring between 2 and 8 January as its proper day.

### **At the Vigil Mass**

This Mass is used on the evening of the day before the Solemnity, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Epiphany.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Bar 5:5

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the east  
and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,  
shed its light upon our hearts,  
that we may pass through the shadows of this world  
and reach the brightness of our eternal home.  
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept we pray, O Lord, our offerings,  
in honor of the appearing of your Only Begotten Son  
and the first fruits of the nations,  
that to you praise may be rendered  
and eternal salvation be ours.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Epiphany, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rv 21:23

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem,  
and the nations will walk by its light.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by sacred nourishment,  
we implore your mercy, O Lord,  
that the star of your justice  
may shine always bright in our minds  
and that our true treasure may ever consist  
in our confession of you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## At the Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29, 12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and the kingdom is in his hand, and power and dominion.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy  
that we who know you already by faith  
may be brought to behold  
the beauty of your sublime glory.  
Through our Lord.

Where it is the practice, if appropriate, the moveable Feasts of the current year may be proclaimed after the Gospel, according to the formula given below, pp. 000-000.

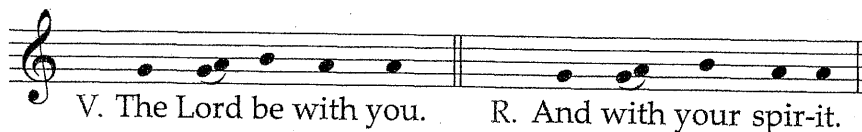
The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favor, Lord, we pray,  
on these gifts of your Church,  
in which are offered now  
not gold or frankincense or myrrh  
but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of the Epiphany: Christ the Light of the Nations.

Solemn tone





V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-

-ter-nal God. For today you have revealed the mystery of our

salvation in Christ as a light for the na - tions, and when he appeared

in our mor - tal na - ture, you made us new by the glory of his

im - mor - tal na - ture. And so, with Angels and Archangels,

with Thrones and Do-min-ions, and with all the hosts and Pow-ers of heav-en,

as we sing the hymn of your glo - ry without end we ac - claim:

with-out end:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...

Text without music: Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord, p. 000.

When the Roman Canon is used, the proper form of the Communicantes (In communion with those) is said.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Go before us, O Lord, always and everywhere,  
that we may perceive with clear sight  
and revere with true affection  
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.  
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of Solemn Blessing, p. 000, may be used.

## WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME

from 2 January

to the Saturday before the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

These Masses are used on the weekdays to which they are assigned, with the Collect selected as indicated.

### **Monday**

#### Entrance Antiphon

A holy day has dawned upon us:  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord,  
for a great light has come down upon the Lord.

#### Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Grant your people, O Lord, we pray,  
unshakable strength of faith,  
so that all who profess that your Only Begotten Son  
is with you for ever in your glory,  
and was born of the Virgin Mary  
in a body truly like our own,  
may be freed from present trials  
and given a place in abiding gladness.  
Through our Lord.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
O God, whose eternal Word adorns the face of the heavens  
yet accepted from the Virgin Mary the frailty of our flesh,  
grant, we pray, that he who appeared among us as the splendor of truth  
may go forth in the fullness of power for the redemption of the world.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord,  
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,  
that by offering what you have given  
we may merit to receive your very self.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany, (p. 000) or of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:14

We have seen his glory, the glory of an only Son coming from the Father,  
filled with grace and truth.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that by the power of the holy mysteries  
our life may be constantly sustained.  
Through Christ our Lord.



## Tuesday

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 117:26-27

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord:  
The Lord is God and has given us light.

### Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
O God, who in the blessed childbearing of the holy Virgin Mary  
kept the flesh of your Son  
free from the sentence incurred by the human race,  
grant, we pray,  
that we who have been taken up into this new creation  
may be freed from the ancient taint of sin.  
Through our Lord.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
has appeared in our very flesh,  
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed  
through him whom we recognize as outwardly like us.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor, Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess in devout faith  
they may possess in heavenly Sacraments.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface  
of the Epiphany, (p. 000), or of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

### Communion Antiphon

Eph 2:4; Rm 8:3

Because of his great love  
—the love with which God has loved us—  
he sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh.

### Prayer after Communion

O God, who touch us through our partaking of your Sacrament,  
work, we pray, the effects of its power in our hearts,  
that we may be made fit to receive your gift  
through this very gift itself.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Wednesday

Entrance Antiphon

Is 9:1

A people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
for those dwelling in a land of deep gloom, a light has shone for them.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Grant us, almighty God, that the bringer of your salvation,  
who for the world's redemption  
came forth with newness of heavenly light,  
may dawn afresh in our hearts  
and bring us constant renewal.  
Through our Lord.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
O God, who bestow light on all the nations,  
grant your peoples the gladness of lasting peace,  
and pour into our hearts that brilliant light  
by which you purified the minds of our fathers in faith.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that through this offering  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and by partaking of the sacred mystery  
may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany, (p. 000), or of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 1:2

That life which was with the Father became visible, and has appeared to us.

Prayer after Communion

May your people, O Lord,  
whom you guide and sustain in many ways,  
experience, both now and in the future,  
the remedies which you bestow,  
that with the needed solace of things that pass away,  
they may strive with ever deepened trust for things eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Thursday

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 1:1

In the beginning and before all ages,  
the Word was God  
and he humbled himself  
to be born the Savior of the World.

### Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
O God, who by the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son  
wondrously began for your people  
the work of redemption,  
grant, we pray, to your servants such firmness of faith  
that by his guidance they may attain  
the glorious prize you have promised.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

### After the Solemnity of the Epiphany

O God, who through your Son  
raised up your eternal light for all nations,  
grant that your people may come to acknowledge  
the full splendor of their Redeemer,  
and that, bathed ever more in his radiance,  
they may reach ever-living glory.  
Through our Lord.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord,  
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,  
that by offering what you have given  
we may merit to receive your very self.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) before the Solemnity of the Epiphany; Preface of the Epiphany, (p. 000), or of the Nativity, (pp. 000-000) after the Solemnity.

### Communion Antiphon

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that by the power of the holy mysteries  
our life may be constantly sustained.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Friday

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 111:4

A light has risen in the darkness for the upright of heart;  
the Lord is generous, merciful and just.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Cast your kindly light upon your faithful, Lord, we pray,  
and with the splendor of your glory,  
set their hearts ever aflame,  
that they may never cease to acknowledge their Savior  
and may truly hold fast to him.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Grant, we ask, almighty God,  
that the Nativity of the Savior of the world,  
made known by the guidance of a star,  
may be revealed ever more fully to our minds.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings  
Receive with favor, Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
that what they profess in devout faith  
they may possess in heavenly Sacraments.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 4:9

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who touch us through our partaking of your Sacrament,  
work, we pray, the effects of its power in our hearts,  
that we may be made fit to receive your gift  
through this very gift itself.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Saturday

Entrance Antiphon

Gal 4:4-5

God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
so that we might receive adoption as children.

Collect

Before the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Almighty ever-living God,  
who were pleased to shine forth with new light  
through the coming of your Only Begotten Son,  
grant, we pray, that just as he was pleased  
to share our bodily form  
through the childbearing of the Virgin Mary,  
so we, too, may one day merit  
to become sharers of grace in his kingdom.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

After the Solemnity of the Epiphany  
Almighty ever-living God,  
who through your Only Begotten Son  
have made us a new creation for yourself,  
grant, we pray,  
that by your grace we may be found in the likeness of him  
in whom our nature is united to you.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that through this offering  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and by partaking of the sacred mystery  
may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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## Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:16

From his fullness we have all received  
grace upon grace.

## Prayer after Communion

May your people, O Lord,  
whom you guide and sustain in many ways,  
experience, both now and in the future,  
the remedies which you bestow,  
that with the needed solace of things that pass away,  
they may strive with ever deepened trust for things eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Sunday after 6 January  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
Feast

Where the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, if this Sunday occurs on 7 or 8 January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan,  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
has appeared in our very flesh,  
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed  
through him whom we recognize as outwardly like us.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

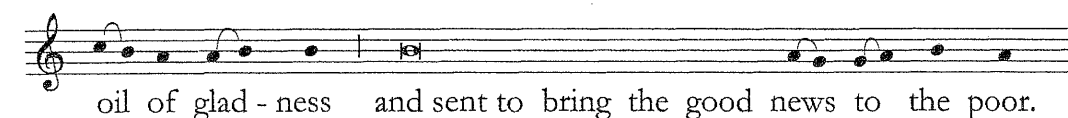
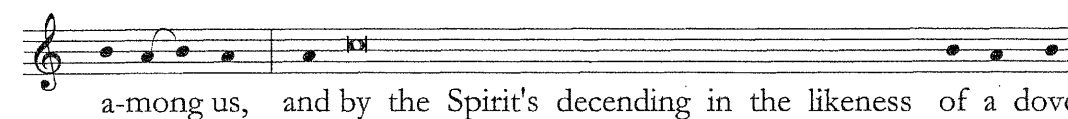
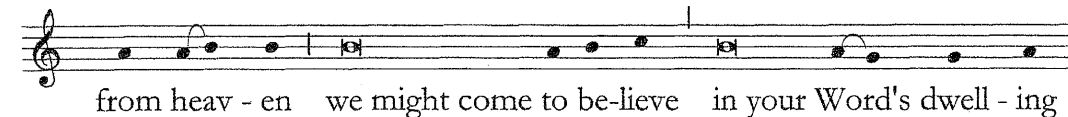
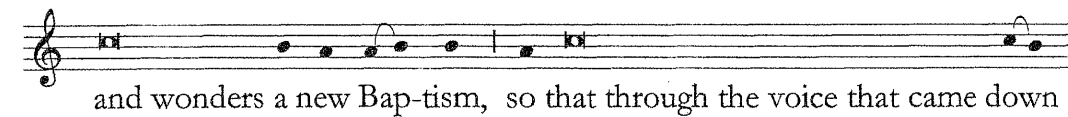
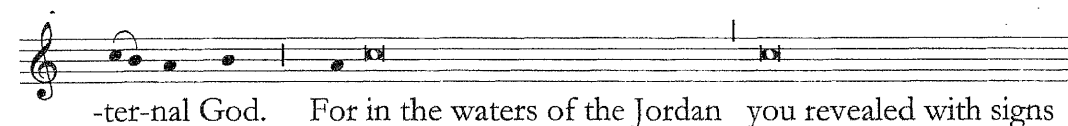
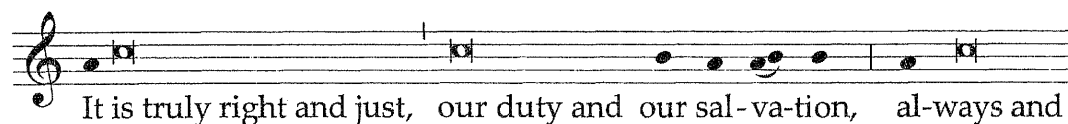
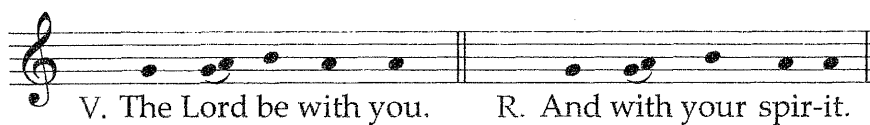
The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

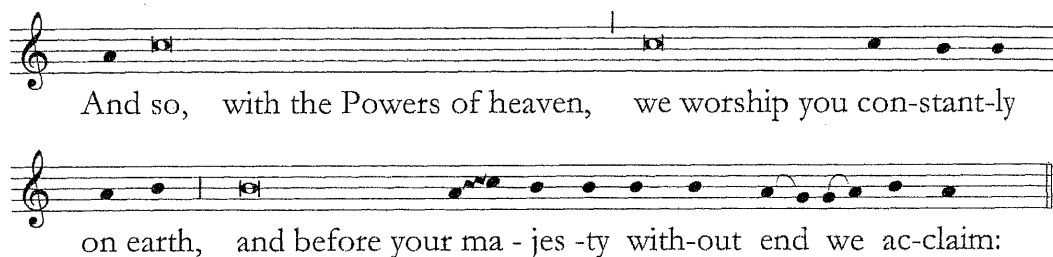
Accept, O Lord, the offerings  
we have brought to honor the revealing of your beloved Son,  
so that the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him  
who willed in his compassion  
to wash away the sins of the world.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## Preface: The Baptism of the Lord.

Solemn tone







Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the waters of the Jordan  
you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism,  
so that through the voice that came down from heaven  
we might come to believe in your Word's dwelling among us,  
and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove  
might know that Christ your Servant  
has been anointed with the oil of gladness  
and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,  
we worship you constantly on earth,  
and before your majesty  
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

## Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said,  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children in name and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Ordinary Time lasts from the Monday after this Sunday to the Tuesday before Lent.  
For Masses both on Sundays and on weekdays, the texts given below, pp. 000 ff.,  
are used.